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12 February 1965

The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Mr. Eugene Kiefer, presently Deputy Director, NRO, has again submitted his resignation from CIA as of 15 February 1965. We have now reluctantly acceded to his wishes.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. McCone and we are prepared to appoint a successor but in view of the present state of NRO organizational discussions, it would appear better to get that matter resolved and have appropriate terms of reference agreed to prior to any further action in this regard.

Mr. McCone will wish to discuss this matter at the next NRO ExCom meeting.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

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